



MEDIA RELEASE

Residential Dryer Fire

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A little after 1 p.m. on February 19, a 911 call was received from neighbors noticing smoke coming from a residence in the 4200 Block of Pozo Circle on the St. Vincent property located off Calle Real. Engine 4, 5, 3 with Truck 1 and Battalion Chief 712 responded to the incident.

Smoke was reported by the Engine 4 Captain upon arrival. Fire crews found a well involved dryer in the laundry room of the residence. A pre-connect hose line was deployed to extinguish the fire. The gas to the residential complex was turned off as a precaution and the dryer was removed from the structure. Firefighters used thermal imaging cameras to check for fire extension into the walls. Fire damage was limited to the washer/dryer unit with light smoke damage to the laundry room. A fire investigator was called to the scene. Tenants reported having on-going mechanical issues with the dryer. The cause of the fire was determined to be mechanical failure.



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